

COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING HALL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 5:30 P.M.
- A. **Introduction of pages:** There were no pages this evening.
- B. **Opening Prayer** was given by Matt Malott of First Christian Church.
- C. **Pledge** – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell
- Absent: George Dutro
- E. **Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting** – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
- A. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2003, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2002, ENTITLED “THE 2003 SALARY ORDINANCE.”** John Baughn presented this request to change the salary ordinance in order to split one fulltime position with benefits into two part-time positions without benefits in the Clerk Treasurer’s office. **Martha Myers moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- B. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2003, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2004.”** Oakel Hardy reviewed the items in the salary ordinance that were above and beyond the 3% increase in wages. Animal Control requested an additional staff person. Augie Tindell and Martha Myers both expressed their support of the request. City Hall Maintenance wants to move one part time person to a fulltime position. Craig Hawes asked that the title of the position be changed from “helper” to “assistant.” Some time was spent discussing the additional transit driver request. This is in the light of the “park-and-ride” program that is being used in the downtown to relieve parking congestion and the increase use of the “call-a-bus” program. The total annual cost of the position would be approximately \$40,000 including wages and benefits. **John Brown moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- C. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2003, AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2004.”** Oakel Hardy reviewed the appropriations requests and John Baughn gave an overview of the estimated revenues that were used to create the budget. **John Brown moved to declare all capital items in the Capital Budget list be “B” category items except the halon system in City Hall, all Aviation projects receiving state and federal grant assistance, Parks and Recreation vehicle lease obligations, and the Greenbelt lease obligation for the maintenance facility. Craig Hawes seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- D. John Brown requested that all city departments continue to hold the line on spending. **John Brown then moved to place the amended budget in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**
- E. Telecommunications Recommendation – This item was postponed to a later meeting.
- III. Other Business
- A. **Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.** Reports were given for informational purposes.
- B. **The next scheduled meeting** of the Common Council is September 18th at 7:30 AM.
- C. **Adjourn** – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion to adjourn passed with 6 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer